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SUBJ: SECURITY: DEATH OF MEXICAN POLICEMAN ASSIGNED TO

CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING

1. SOMETIME BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2000-2330 ON MARCH 10, 1978, ALBERTO ARZOLA RAMIREZ, A MUNICIPAL POLICE OFFICER WHO WAS ASSIGNED GUARD DUTY AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING, WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE GUARD HOUSE BY PERSON(S) UNKNOWN. AFTER THE SHOOTING, THE ASSAILANT(S) PLACED PAPER AND BOXES ON THE BODY AND SET IT ABLAZE. THE BODY WAS NOT CONSUMED BY THE FIRE. SINCE GUARD HOUSE IS MADE OF CEMENT AND CONCRETE BLOCKS, ONLY SMOKE DAMAGE OCCURRED TO THE BUILDING.

2. ARZOLA WAS A MEMBER OF THE MUNICIPAL POLICE AND WAS NOT AN EMPLOYEE OF THE CONSULATE GENERAL.

3. THE CONSULATE GENERAL GROUNDS AND OFFICES WERE CHECKED. THERE WAS NO EVIDENCE THAT THE BUILDING HAD BEEN ENTERED OR THAT ANYTHING HAD BEEN STOLEN. LOCAL POLICE BELIEVES THERE IS A STRONG POSSIBILITY THAT MURDER OCCURRED BECAUSE OF PERSONAL PROBLEMS. PRELIMINARY INVESTIGATION INDICATES THAT GUARD MAY HAVE BEEN KILLED WITH HIS OWN WEAPON (WHICH IS MISSING).

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AFTER MURDER, KILLER DEPARTED IN DEAD OFFICER'S CAR WHICH WAS ABANDONED SEVERAL BLOCKS FROM THE CONSULATE GENERAL OFFICE BUILDING.

4. AT THIS TIME, POST DOES NOT BELIEVE KILLING IN ANY WAY DIRECTED AT THE CONSULATE GENERAL. POST IS KEEPING IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE CHIEF OF POLICE AND WILL ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT

IF ANY INFORMATION IS DEVELOPED WHICH WOULD INDICATE KILLING
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